# SALEM BOARD OF FINANCE REGULAR MEETING MINUTES October 10, 2013

## **PRESENT**

John Dolan (Alt)

#### ABSENT

Bill Weinschenker, Chairman Tom Butcher Greg Preston Carol Eckart Janet Griggs George Householder Dave Kennedy (Alt) P. Lee (Alt) Virginia Casey, Rec. Sec

B. Weinschenker called the meeting to order at 7:30.

## **AGENDA**

**RECOGNITION OF VISITORS**: B. Weinschenker recognized the visitors

**SEAT ALTERNATES**: No alternates were seated

**COMMUNICATIONS:** None

#### 1. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

M/S/C (Eckart/Griggs) to approve the September 12, 2013 minutes as amended.

Page 2, ¶ 1, add: ...getting back approx. \$185,000 in unspent funds from the General Government portion of the budget.

Vote: Approved. In favor: Eckart, Griggs, Householder, Weinschenker. Opposed: None. Abstaining: Butcher, Preston.

# 2 TREASURERS REPORT

The Treasurer presented her report (See File Copy for report). The members noticed that the amounts approved from the last meeting were not reflected in the unassigned fund balance. The Treasurer will check on why the fund was not updated.

## 3. PUBLIC COMMENT: None

## 4. SELECTMAN'S REPORT-

- K. Lyden reported to the BOF that there will be a Planning and Zoning Public Hearing on October 22, 2013 for a proposed Village Center Zone District.
- He informed the members that there was a meeting with the auditors with himself, V. Casey, M. Ferren, K. Gadaree, and C. Miller present. The town auditors will report to the BOF in November.
- Amnesty Days are October 19, 20, and 23

## 5. FIREHOUSE ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION FOR HOSE

- G. Maiorano, Salem Fire Co. Chief presented a request for an additional appropriation of \$6,340.00 for fire hose. (See File Copy) He stated that the hose is over 25 years old and needs to be replaced according to NFPA standards.
- B. Weinschenker stated that he looked up the specs and it does not state that hose over 25 years old has to be replaced. It only says hose older than 1987 should be replaced. He reiterated that these are guidelines and not mandatory. They should be tested every year.

M/S/C (Butcher/Griggs) to appropriate \$6340.00 from the unassigned fund balance for fire hose, as itemized on submitted list, funds to be placed in the new capital line created for fire hose. Vote: Approved Unanimously.

## 6. SCHOOL BUILDING COMMITTEE STATUS REPORT

B. Weinschenker stated he was concerned about the status of the School Building Committee. There has not been a meeting in six months. He has seen articles in the paper on how much money is

being spent and the Committee has not approved any of them. He stated there have been many change orders and only two have been approved by the Committee. B. Weinschenker is concerned that there may be difficulties getting reimbursements if the Committee has not approved or signed off on them.

B. Weinschenker stated that there may be money left over and he is concerned that the funds be spent wisely. If there are projects that need to be done and the town can be reimbursed by the state then the left over money should be used as part of the building project. If it cannot be reimbursed, then it should go back to the town and used in a capital project for the school so the town will not be paying interest on the funds.

K. Lyden stated there were five change orders that he was aware of, some of which are credits. He stated the architects, which the committee hired are on top of all the change orders and have actually not approved some of them.

The Board would like to have E. Burr come to a Board of Finance meeting to discuss the project.

# 7. TOWN REPORT

The Board of Finance will send out the yearly letter to all departments to submit a report for the Annual Report.

The Board should also look over the proposed 2014 meeting dates.

#### ADJOURNMENT

M/S/C (Butcher/Griggs) Motion to adjourn at 8:16. Vote: Approved Unanimously

Respectfully Submitted

Sue Spang Recording Secretary